

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 9-14, 54 and 56 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8, 15-53, 55, 57 and 58 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 9-10, 54, and 56 are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification and specifically at pages 60-63.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AND §103(a)

Claims 9-10, 54, and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,995,099 to Horstmann (hereinafter, merely "Horstmann").

Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Horstmann in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,724,595 to Gentner (hereinafter, merely "Gentner").

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 9 recites, *inter alia*:

“...validating the first link;

sending, to the second source, a request to add a second link on a web page of the web content of the second source, the second link linking the web page of web content of the second source with the web content of the first source.” (Emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing has been found in Horstmann and Gentner, taken alone or in combination, that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 9. Specifically, neither Horstmann nor Gentner discloses or suggests validating the first link and sending, to the second source, a request to add a second link on a web page of the web content of the second source, the second link linking the web page of web content of the second source with the web content of the first source. Therefore, claim 9 is patentable.

Independent claims 54 and 56 recite similar, or somewhat similar features.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims 9, 54, and 56 are patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on

each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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